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Applicants: Darryl Black and Anne K. Winiewicz
Attorney Docket No: 102689-58

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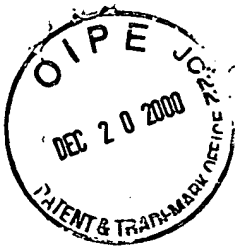
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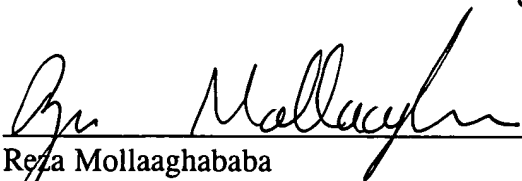
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